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DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP2004/003836

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

April 4, 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION

MEDICAL NEEDLE DEVICE WITH WINGED SHIELD (AS AMENDED)

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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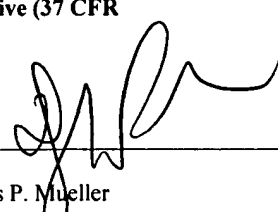
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An unsigned oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449, references.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information: Application Data Sheet (5 pages), 5 sheets of formal drawings, Communication regarding Figure Publication, International Publication Page WO 2004/089449 A1, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/IB/304, Form PCT/IB/308, Form PCT/ISA/237

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<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a) (1)-(5)):</b>					
[X] a) Basic National fee.....				\$300	\$300
[X] b) Examination fee.....				\$200	\$200
[X] c) Search fee.....				\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1000</b>	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional set of 50 sheets, more than 100 sheets		Rate	
24	-100 = 0	/50 = 0		X \$250	\$0
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$0	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	
Total claims	7	-20 = 0		X \$50	\$0
Independent claims	1	-3 = 0		X \$200	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360	\$0
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1000</b>	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27				\$0	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$1000</b>	
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+ \$0	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$1000</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ \$0	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1000</b>	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$0
				charged	\$0
<p>a. [X] Check(s) in the amount of \$1000 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. [ ] Please charge the amount of \$ to cover the required filing fee for a large entity to the credit card listed on the enclosed credit card authorization form.</p> <p>c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:          Douglas P. Mueller          Hamre, Schumann, Mueller &amp; Larson, P.C.          P.O. Box 2902-0902          Minneapolis, MN 55402</p> <p>SIGNATURE: </p> <p>NAME: Douglas P. Mueller</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER: 30,300</p>					

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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MORIWAKI et al.  
 Attorney Docket: 10873.1788USWO  
 Title: MEDICAL NEEDLE DEVICE WITH WINGED SHIELD (AS AMENDED)

## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

Express Mail mailing label number: EV 648467955 US

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Commissioner:

The following papers are transmitted herewith:

- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.10;
- ☒ National Stage Patent Application including: Description - 11 pages; 7 Claims - 2 pages; Abstract - 1 page; Drawings - 5 sheets (formal);
- ☒ Unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ Application Data Sheet - 5 pages;
- ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment (5 pages), Form 1390, Communication regarding Figure Publication, International Publication Page WO 2004/089449 A1, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/IB/304, Form PCT/IB/308, Form PCT/ISA/237
- ☒ Check(s) for the amount of \$1000 to cover the filing fee calculated below;
- ☒ Return postcard

## CLAIMS AS FILED

Number of Claims Filed	No.	In Excess of	Extra	Rate (\$)	Fee (\$)
Total Claims	7	20	0	50	0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	200	0
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee					0
Basic Filing Fee					300
Search Fee					500
Examination Fee					200
Utility Application Size Fee	24	100	0	250	0
Total					1000

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COMMUNICATION REGARDING REQUESTED FIGURE

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Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 1 be printed on the front page of the published application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455.3804.

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